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Department of Energy Issues Draft Request for Proposal for Nickel Disposition at Paducah and Oak Ridge Facilities

Cincinnati, OH – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued for public review and comment, a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a sales agreement to sell approximately 15,300 tons of radiologically-contaminated nickel scrap recovered from uranium enrichment process equipment at the Department's Paducah, KY and Oak Ridge, TN facilities.

The proposed action described in the draft RFP would allow private industry to use the nickel in DOE-controlled facilities, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission-licensed facilities or other regulated facilities to make high-quality products for use only in radiologically-controlled government or commercial applications.

A public comment period will begin today. All comments on the draft RFP are requested no later than September 15, 2009.

The draft RFP is also available online at the Nickel Disposition website:

<http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/nickel/index.php> ; or DOE's web-based Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at <http://doe-iips.pr.doe.gov/> and at the Federal Business Opportunities website at <https://www.fbo.gov/>

Comments can be submitted by electronic mail to the EMCBC Office of Contracting at the following e-mail address: nickel@emcbc.doe.gov

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